

SENATE RESOLUTION 180

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Richard Lee Lusk of
Brownsville.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Richard Lee Lusk; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lusk was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Greenville, South Carolina, on November 27, 1926, Mr. Lusk was the son of Leroy Griffin Lusk and Kansas Lavinia Lusk; he was the younger brother of Roy William Lusk and Mildred Parris; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Greenville High School in South Carolina, Mr. Lusk attended Furman University for two years before transferring to Texas Christian University and earning his Bachelor of Arts degree; he earned his Master of Divinity degree at Southwestern Theological Seminary, where he met his wife, Ida Eudocia Bennett Lusk, whom he married on June 26, 1953; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lusk was saved by faith in Jesus Christ at the age of ten and first felt the call to full-time Christian service at the age of twenty-four; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to service to God, Mr. Lusk was appointed as a missionary to Hong Kong in 1961 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, now the International Mission Board; and

WHEREAS, during his thirty-seven-year missionary career, Richard Lusk was pastor of Kowloon Baptist Church, Clearwater Bay Chapel, Macau Baptist Church, and Grace Baptist Church in Taiwan; he also spread the gospel as a circuit evangelist throughout Baguio and the surrounding areas of the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to the United States, Mr. Lusk served as interim pastor of Stanton Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lusk was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lusk enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-four years, Ida Lusk; he was the proud father of Miriam Rebekah Lusk Berry, Sylvia Ruth Lusk Harwell, Florence Lavinia Lusk, Naomi Grace Lusk Lay, and Nancy Renee Lusk Tanneberg and the treasured grandfather of Matthew Berry, Dan Harwell, Bennett Brainard, and Jesse Tanneberg; and

WHEREAS, he is lovingly remembered by his niece and nephew, Pam Parris Allen and Randy Parris; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lusk leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Richard Lee Lusk, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Lusk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.